Fisheries Corporation

337. Sri B. M. IDINABBA (Mangalore).—

Will the Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Fisheries Corporation will be started ;

(*b*) the number of official and non-official members in the said Corporation ;

(*c*) the total amount that will be invested in the said Corporation together with its programme ?

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports).—

(*a*) This is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*a*).

(*c*) Does not arise.

Increase in Price of Rice

339. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the price of rice rose to Rs. 70–00 per Mura in South Kanara in general, and Coondapur Town in particular during September 1968 ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that this rise in price could have been avoided if the Government had opened Fair Price Shops to supply rice at controlled rates at least to the poorer and vulnerable sections of the society as was done during 1965 and 1966 ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of a suggestion made to the Hon'ble Minister of State for Food by the member of this House from Coondapur in a Memorandum presented to him at Coondapur in June 1968 ;

(*d*) if so, why no action was taken in the matter ?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes, in certain taluks like Sullia and Puttur, but not in Coondapur Town, where it was Rs. 63 to Rs. 65 per Mura.

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(*b*) The opening of more Fair Price Shops would not have helped, as the issues of rice are limited by availabilities of stocks with Government, and in any case, this increase relates to the price of open market rice.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Within the overall limitations of availability of rice, releases to Fair Price Shops were increased.

Taluk Board High Schools

343. **Sri PRABHURAO JAGADALE** (Hulsoor).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken to appoint qualified Science Teachers, and to provide equipments and playgrounds for Taluk Board High Schools in Bidar District ;

(*b*) the steps taken for the appointment of trained Head Masters in the Taluk Board High Schools in Bidar District ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) and (*b*) It is the responsibility of the managements *i.e.*, Taluk Development Board to appoint qualified teachers and Head Masters and provide facilities such as playgrounds. Schools which do not satisfy the departmental rules will be closed.

Lift Irrigation in Buntwal Taluk

356. **Smt. K. LEELAVATHI RAI** (Buntawal).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the work of Lift Irrigation sanctioned in Buntawal Taluk since many years has been completed ;

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Sri A. J. DODDAMETI (Minister of State for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).